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STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

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## Application for Certification as a Certified Social Worker

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:15BB-6 / N.J.A.C. 13:44G-4.3

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A nonrefundable application filing fee of \$75, in the form of a check or money order made out to the State of New Jersey, must be submitted with this application. (Applicants should understand that if the application filing fee is paid with a personal check, and the check is returned by the bank due to insufficient funds, the next step in the licensure or certification process will be delayed until the fee is paid.)

The Board maintains, as part of its responsibilities, a record of your home address, business address and mailing address. You may choose which of these addresses will be considered as your "address of record." Your address of record will appear on your license or certificate and is public information. If you do not indicate (by putting a check in the appropriate box) which address should be used as your address of record, your mailing address will be considered to be your address of record. A post office box may be used as your address of record, but only if you provide another address which includes a street, city, state and ZIP code.

Information that you provide on this application may be subject to public disclosure as required by the Open Public Records Act (OPRA).

**Please print clearly. You must answer all of the questions on this application.**

### Personal Information

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

1. Name ☐ Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
☐ Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name First name Middle initial Maiden name

#### 2. Address

☐ Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or P.O. Box City State ZIP code County  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number (include area code) E-mail address

☐ Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of company Telephone number (include area code) and extension  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State ZIP code County

☐ Mailing: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or P.O. Box City State ZIP code County

3. \*Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

You **must** disclose your Social Security number for the reasons stated below. Failure to do so may result in a denial of licensure or certification or license or certificate renewal.

\*Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:17-56.44e of the New Jersey child support enforcement law, N.J.S.A. 54:50-25 of the New Jersey taxation law and Section 1128 E(b)(2)A of the Social Security Act, the Board or licensing agency to which this form is submitted is required to obtain your Social Security number. If you do not have a Social Security number, the Board must ascertain the reason that you do not have one. The Board is further obligated to provide your Social Security number to the Director of Taxation, the Probation Division or other agency responsible for child support enforcement and the H.I.P. Data Bank when reporting adverse actions.

You are also being asked to consent, on a voluntary basis, to the use of your Social Security number for the additional reasons stated below.

You are notified that under the Federal Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. Section 552a (note (b))), the Board or licensing agency to which this form is submitted is requesting the voluntary disclosure of your Social Security number. If you give your consent for the use of your Social Security number, it may be used: to verify the identity of an applicant, to aid in the collection of financial obligations due and owing the Board or any other state agency, and to aid in the disclosure to state or federal law enforcement and licensing officials and agencies of information obtained in investigations pertaining to licensure or certification and disciplinary proceedings.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
Applicant's signature

☐ Consent ☐ Do Not Consent

to the use of my Social Security number for any of the additional purposes set forth above. I understand that my consent is voluntary and that if I do not consent, no adverse action or inference will be taken or drawn.

4. Citizenship / Immigration Status

Federal law limits the issuance or renewal of professional or occupational licenses or certificates to U.S. citizens or qualified aliens. To comply with this federal law, check the appropriate box below which indicates your citizenship/immigration status. If you are not a U.S. citizen, attach a copy of your alien registration card (front and back) or other documentation issued by the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (B.C.I.S.).

- ☐ U.S. citizen  
☐ Alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in U.S.  
☐ Other immigration status

Questions about your immigration status and whether or not it is a qualifying status under federal law should be directed to the B.C.I.S. at: 1-800-375-5283.

5. Student Loan

Are you in default in regard to any student loan obligation(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," you must obtain documentary evidence that you have reached an arrangement with the bank or with the entity that issued your student loan, for the eventual payment of the loan. You will not be able to obtain a license or certificate unless you provide the required documents concerning the plan for payment of your student loan.

6. Child Support

Please certify, under penalty of perjury, the following:

- a. Do you currently have a child-support obligation? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
(1) If "Yes," are you in arrears in payment of said obligation? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
(2) If "Yes," does the arrearage match or exceed the total amount payable for the past six months? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
b. Have you failed to provide any court-ordered health insurance coverage during the past six months? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
c. Have you failed to respond to a subpoena relating to either a paternity or child-support proceeding? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
d. Are you the subject of a child-support-related arrest warrant? ☐ Yes ☐ No

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:17-56.44d, an answer of "Yes" to any of the questions a(1) through d will result in a denial of licensure or certification. Furthermore, any false certification of the above may subject you to a penalty, including, but not limited to, immediate revocation or suspension of licensure or certification.

## 7. Medical Conditions Questions

Questions a through f pertain to medical conditions and use of chemical substances. Please read the definitions carefully. Your responses will be treated confidentially and retained separately. Please be aware that you have the right to elect not to answer those portions of the following questions which inquire as to the illegal use of controlled dangerous substances or activity if you have reasonable cause to believe that answering may expose you to the possibility of criminal prosecution. In that event, you may assert the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination. Any claim of Fifth Amendment privilege must be made in good faith. If you choose to assert the Fifth Amendment, you must do so in writing. You must fully respond to all other questions on the application. Your application for licensure or certification will be processed if you claim the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination. You should be aware, however, that you may later be directed by the Attorney General to answer a question that you have refused to answer on the basis of the Fifth Amendment, provided that the Attorney General first grants you immunity afforded by statutory law. (N.J.S.A. 45:1-20.)

For the purposes of these questions, the following phrases or words have the following meanings:

**“Ability to practice as a social worker”** is to be construed to include all of the following:

- The cognitive capacity to exercise reasonable social work judgments and to learn and keep abreast of professional developments; and
- The ability to communicate those judgments and related information to clients and other interested parties, with or without the use of aids or devices, such as voice amplifiers; and
- The physical capability to perform the duties of a social worker, with or without the use of aids or devices, such as corrective lenses or hearing aids.

**“Medical Condition”** includes physiological, mental or psychological conditions or disorders, such as, but not limited to orthopedic, visual, speech and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, mental retardation, emotional or mental illness, specific learning disabilities, H.I.V. disease, tuberculosis, drug addiction and alcoholism.

**“Chemical substance”** is to be construed to include alcohol, drugs or medications, including those taken pursuant to a valid prescription for legitimate medical purposes and in accordance with the prescriber’s direction, as well as those used illegally.

**“Currently”** does not mean on the day of, or even in the weeks or months preceding the completion of this application. Rather, it means recently enough so that the use of drugs may have an ongoing impact on one’s functioning as a licensee, or within the previous two years.

**“Illegal use of controlled dangerous substance”** means the use of a controlled dangerous substance obtained illegally (e.g. heroin or cocaine) as well as the use of controlled dangerous substances which are not obtained pursuant to a valid prescription or not taken in accordance with the directions of a licensed health care practitioner.

- Do you have a medical condition which in any way impairs or limits your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Are the limitations or impairments caused by your medical condition reduced or ameliorated because you receive ongoing treatment (with or without medications) or participate in a monitoring program\*\*? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable
- Are the limitations or impairments caused by your medical condition reduced or ameliorated because of the field of practice, the setting or manner in which you have chosen to practice? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable
- Does your use of chemical substance(s) in any way impair or limit your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable
- Have you ever been diagnosed as having or have you ever been treated for pedophilia, exhibitionism or voyeurism? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Are you currently engaged in the illegal use of controlled dangerous substances? (Recall that “currently” is defined as “within the last two years.”) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered “Yes” to question f, are you currently participating in a supervised rehabilitation program or professional assistance program which monitors you in order to assure that you are not engaging in the illegal use of controlled dangerous substances? ☐ Yes ☐ No

\*\* If you receive such ongoing treatment or participate in such a monitoring program, the Board will make an individualized assessment of the nature, the severity and the duration of the risks associated with an ongoing medical condition so as to determine whether an unrestricted license or certificate should be issued, whether conditions should be imposed or whether you are not eligible for licensure or certification.

8. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? (Minor traffic offenses such as parking or speeding violations need not be listed; however, motor vehicle offenses such as driving while impaired or intoxicated must be disclosed.) ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If “Yes,” provide a certified or official copy of the judgment of conviction, a certified or official copy of the release from parole or probation and/or an official document to verify compliance with any terms imposed related to the conviction(s). Please provide a complete explanation. (Attach additional sheets of paper to this application.)

9. Do you currently hold, or have you ever held, a professional license or certificate of **any** kind in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If “Yes,” for each license or certificate held, provide the date(s) held and the number(s). If the license or certificate was issued under a different name, please provide that name.

		Last name	First name	Middle initial
Type of license or certificate	Number	State or jurisdiction that issued the license or certificate		Date issued/expired
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**Note:** If you are licensed or certified as a social worker in any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction, it is your responsibility to contact the licensing board in that jurisdiction to request that verification of your licensure or certification be sent directly to the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners.

10. Have you ever been disciplined or denied a social work license or certificate or any other professional license or certificate in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☐ No

11. Have you ever had a professional license or certificate of any type suspended, revoked or surrendered in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☐ No

12. Has any action (including the assessment of fines or other penalties) ever been taken against your professional practice by any agency or certification board in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☐ No

13. Have you ever been named as a defendant in any litigation related to the practice of social work or other professional practice in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☐ No

14. Are you aware of any investigation pending against a professional license or certificate issued to you by a professional board in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☐ No

15. Are there any criminal charges now pending against you in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☐ No

16. Have you ever been sanctioned by or is any action pending before any employer, association, society, or other professional group related to the practice of social work or other professional practice in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If the answer to any of the above questions, numbers 10 through 16, is “Yes,” provide a complete explanation of the circumstances leading to the action, and any supporting documentation, on separate sheets of paper.

**Education** - Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44G-4.3, a **baccalaureate degree in social work (BSW)** from a college or university offering an educational program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education is required for eligibility to obtain certification as a certified social worker.

1. What is the name and address of the colleges or universities you have attended?

Name and complete address of college or university				
Dates attended	month/year	to	month/year	Date granted
Name and complete address of college or university				
Dates attended	month/year	to	month/year	Date granted
Name and complete address of college or university				
Dates attended	month/year	to	month/year	Date granted

2. An official transcript provided by the educational institution granting the qualifying BSW degree must become a part of this application.

☐ Transcript requested from: ☐ Transcript enclosed

Name of college or university

No action will be taken on your application until the BSW transcript has been received.

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Date Received  

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# AFFIDAVIT

**This affidavit is to be executed by the applicant before a notary public:**

State of: \_\_\_\_\_

County of: \_\_\_\_\_ } ss.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, in making this application to the State Board of Social Work Examiners for licensure or certification under the provisions of Title 45 of the General Statutes of New Jersey and the Rules of the State Board of Social Work Examiners, swear (or affirm) that I am the applicant and that all information provided in connection with this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any omissions, inaccuracies or failure to make full disclosures may be deemed sufficient to deny certification or licensure or to withhold renewal of or suspend or revoke a license or certificate issued by the Board.

I further swear (or affirm) that I have read N.J.S.A. 45:15BB-1 et seq., together with the Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Social Work Examiners, N.J.A.C. 13:44G-1.1 et seq., and fully understand that in receiving licensure or certification from the Board, I bind myself to be governed by them.

Furthermore, I voluntarily consent to a thorough investigation of my present and past employment and other activities for the purpose of verifying my qualifications for licensure or certification. I further authorize all institutions, employers, agencies and all governmental agencies and instrumentalities (local, state, federal or foreign) to release any information, files or records requested by the Board.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's signature

Sworn and subscribed to before me this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Year

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Notary Public (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public

**Affix Seal Here**

## Current Employment

Please have your direct **supervisor** provide detailed information about your current New Jersey social work employment. (If you are ☐ currently unemployed, ☐ not employed in New Jersey or, ☐ employed in a setting which is clearly unrelated to the field of social work, please do not complete this page.)

Name of institution, company, agency or private practice			Street address
City	State	ZIP code	Telephone number (include area code) and extension
Name of supervisor	Supervisor's title		Supervisor's license or certificate number

Date that you were hired:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Month/Day/Year                      Job title                      Profit status of institution, company, agency or private practice

A detailed description of the applicant’s job functions and responsibilities (Please refer to N.J.A.C. 13:44G-1.2 for the definitions of “clinical social work services” and “social work services.”):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor's signature
\_\_\_\_\_  
Credentials
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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☐ Dual License  
License Type 1

Applicant's Number

License Type 2

Applicant's Number

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☐ Resubmit

Board or Committee

## CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION FORM FOR A CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK

**Directions:** Answer all of the questions on this form.

1. Name ☐ Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
☐ Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  

Last
First
Middle
Maiden Name

☐ Ms.
2. Address \_\_\_\_\_  

Street or P.O. Box
City
State
ZIP code
3. Date of birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female  

Month
Day
Year
4. Social Security number \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
5. Have you completed the fingerprinting process for any **Board or Committee of the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs** since November 2003? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
 If "No," you will receive a separate mailing from the Board or Committee regarding the criminal history record background check process. No payment is necessary as of now.  
 If "Yes," please provide the following information and follow the instructions outlined below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board or committee requiring the fingerprinting

\_\_\_\_\_  
Month and year you were fingerprinted

If you were fingerprinted after November 2003 as part of the criminal history background process for licensure or certification by any other **Board or Committee of the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs** (a background check conducted for the Department of Education, another state agency or another state does not apply) you will not be required to be fingerprinted a second time. However, the Division must perform a criminal history background check each time you apply for licensure or certification. **The fee for this service is \$25.30.** Payment should be made in the form of a check or money order payable to the State of New Jersey and should accompany your application packet.

6. Have you ever been arrested and/or convicted of a crime or offense? (Minor traffic offenses such as a parking or speeding violations need not be listed.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Every such conviction on record must be disclosed.** A true copy of every police report, judgment of conviction, sentencing order and termination of probation order, if applicable, **must** be submitted with this form. Any documents (including employer or supervisor letters of reference, if applicable) which present clear and convincing evidence of rehabilitation **must** be submitted with this form. **Failure to follow these instructions may result in the denial of an initial application.**

**Note:** Copies of judgments, sentencing and termination of probation orders may be obtained from the clerk of the county where those orders, disposing of the conviction, were issued and filed.

**Your continuing responsibility to disclose convictions of crimes or offenses:** You **must** notify the Board or Committee within five (5) business days if you are convicted of any crimes or offenses after this form has been completed.

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## CERTIFICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, in making this application to the Board or Committee for certification or licensure, certify that I am the applicant and that all of the information provided in connection with this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any omissions, inaccuracies or failure to make full disclosures may be deemed sufficient to deny certification or licensure or to withhold renewal of or suspend or revoke a certificate or license issued by the Board or Committee.

I voluntarily consent to a thorough investigation of my present and past employment and other activities for the purpose of verifying my qualifications for certification or licensure. I further authorize all institutions, employers, agencies and all governmental agencies and instrumentalities (local, state, federal or foreign) to release any information, files or records requested by the Board or Committee.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

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Signature of applicant

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Date